(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken against the importers of Delhi and Bombay indulging into gross violation of FERA?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import Scam

4431. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain officials found involved in clearing the garment consignments as "rags" in connivance with the importers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been made into this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome of the investigations made into reg import scam; and

(e) the action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (e). Enquiry in the matter has been initiated and details shall be provided on completion of the same.

Securities and Exchange Board of India

4432. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the aggregate amount of money raised by companies through Public and Rights issues by way of equity and convertible debentures (only Non-Debt portion) during each of the last three years and there present aggregate market value;

(b) the number of companies against whom SEBI has taken action during the last three years for misusing funds or not using the money for which it was raised through Public or Rights issue alongwith details of the action taken by SEBI against such erring companies; and

(c) the number of companies who raised their public issues in 1992-93 or onwards and are not traceable?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

B.R.B.N.M. Pvt. Ltd.

4433. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether BHARTIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE Mudran pvt. Ltd. had been incorporated under Company Act, 1956, to take over the new Note Press Project from Reserve Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the company has been flouted in violation of section 24 and section 25 of the RBI Act, 1956; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bhartiya Reserve bank Note Mudran Pvt. Ltd. was Incorporated on 3-2-1995.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Performance of Punjab & Sind Bank

4434. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the performance of Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) in Delhi/New Delhi zones during each of the last three years in the last three years in the matter of deposits, advances non-fund business, profitability and house-keeping; and

(b) whether any managers/Officers of said branches were awarded for their performance during the said period; if so, the details thereof, branch-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The performance of Punjab & Sind Bank in Delhi/New Delhi Zones during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 in the matter of Deposits, Advances, Non-Funds Business, profitability and House-Keeping as reported by Punjab & Sind Bank is given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
	1	2	3
Gross Deposits			
New Delhi Zone	66826	87998	97774
Delhi Zone	15680	20753	26082
Advances			
New Delhi Zone	45760	27624	77458
Delhi Zone	5565	8927	10261
Non-Fund Business			
New Delhi Zone	632	928	1163
Delhi Zone	185	220	300
Profitability			
New Delhi Zone	1215	2862	2879
Delhi Zone	179	638	880

	1	2	3
House Keeping (No. of untallied branches)			
New Delhi Zone	15	19	28 (18)
Delhi Zone	8	3	7 (4)

(Figures in brakets indicate the latest position)

(b) The Punjab & Sind Bank has further reported that their branches at Green Park New Delhi and Shalimar Bagh. Delhi were given Best Branch awards for their performance in 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively.

Pension And I.R. to Staff of CCL

4435. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have amended the norms to give pension and Interim relief to the retired staff of Central Coalfields Limited:

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase pension and Interim relief to the retired staff of Central coalfields limited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d). Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) of Question.

Bar Council

4436. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to make any changes in State Bar Councils' composition to ensure justice to aggrieved litigants/complainants:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of Assam State bar Council's executive Committee member at present;

(d) the names of advocates suspended/debarred from practice by the said State Council since its inception, year-wise; and

(e) the names of representatives from the said council since its inception, having served as members of Bar council of India with respective tenure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) As per information furnished by the Bar Council of India the names or representatives from the bar Council of Assam, Nagaland etc. with their respective tenure since the incention of the Advocates Act, 1961 are as follows :-

S.Shri Satyendra Kishore Ghosh	18.7.62	to	21.7.64
Dr. Jagadish Chandra Medhi	21.7.64 and 26.7.69	to	7.2.68 to 15.12.76
B.K. Goswami	Dec.'76	to	28.4.84
L. Nandkumar Singh	28.4.84	to	7.5.93
Dr. Harendra Kumar Das	8.5.93		Till now

Financial Assistance Provided to the States

4437 SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) details of the financial assistance provided by the Union Governent under section 12 of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 during the last three years and in 1996 till date statewise.

(b) the number of persons to whom free legal aid/assistance has been provided out of Legal aid Fund of the States during the above period State-wise.

(c) the criteria fixed for providing free legal aid and assistance to the people by the authorities of Union Government and legal aid fund;

(d) the number of applications received for getting free legal aid and financial assistance during the said period and the number of applications among them accorded sanction and rejected respectively, State-wise, and

(e) the reasons for rejection of these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (excepting Chapter III which contains provisions with regard to State Legal Services' Authority) has been brought into force w.e.f. 9th Nov., 1995. The provisions of Chapter III of the Act have so far been extended to 13 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and National Capital Territory of Delhi, who have finalised and notified their rules in the State Gazettes.

Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act lays down criteria for Legal Aid.